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# PRESIDENT PICKS V. ADM. RABORN AS CIA CHIEF TO SUCCEED M'CONE

**Retired Navy Man  
Was Decorated for  
Part in Developing  
Polaris System**

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JOHNSON CITY, Tex., April

12—President Lyndon B. Johnson announced yesterday his intention to appoint V. Adm. William F. Raborn Jr. (Ret.) as director of the Central Intelligence Agency, succeeding John A. McCone. McCone told the President last December that he would like to return to private life.

Selection of Raborn to head the huge and controversial American intelligence operation was disclosed by Mr. Johnson after a ceremony at which the President signed into law the new \$1,300,000,000-a-year education bill.

Raborn, 59 years old, was the officer in charge of developing the Polaris ballistic system for the Navy. He retired from active service in September 1963 and is now vice president for program management of the Aerojet General Corp. at Pasadena, Calif.

For his work in shaping the Navy's fleet ballistic missile system and the submarine-launched Polaris, Raborn re-

ceived the Distinguished Service Medal. He was deputy chief of naval operations from early 1962 until his retirement.

## Born In Texas

Raborn was born at Decatur, Tex. He is a 1928 graduate of the Naval Academy. He became an aviator, saw combat in the Pacific in World War II and received the Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry as executive officer of the carrier Hancock.

Mr. Johnson announced the appointment of Richard McG. Helms, now the CIA's deputy director for plans, to be deputy director of the agency. Helms will succeed Lt. Gen. Marshall S. Carter, a Regular Army officer, who will return to the Pentagon for further assignment.

Helms, 52 year old, was born at St. David's, Pa., was president of his class at Williams College, made Phi Beta Kappa, and after graduation entered newspaper work and became a United Press staff correspondent. From 1937 to 1942 he was national advertising manager for the Indianapolis Times.

He was commissioned a lieutenant, junior grade, in the Navy in 1942 and entered the Office of Strategic Services in 1943. On discharge from the Navy in 1946, he joined the War Department's strategic services unit and, later the same year, the central intelligence group.

## In Operational Work

When the Central Intelligence Agency was organized in 1947-48, Helms became the agency's deputy director for plans. His service has involved him in the operational aspect of the CIA's activities, as contrasted with those having to do strictly with evaluation of information.

The CIA is at the apex of a complex federal intelligence operation that has grown impressively since World War II and now involves many thousands of employes and the spending of billions of dollars a year.



## CIA Chiefs

Adm. William F. Raborn Jr. (left), who was chosen by President Lyndon B. Johnson to head the Central Intelligence Agency, standing with Deputy Director Richard Helms after the announcement was made at Johnson City, Tex., yesterday.

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